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In re Application of

WINKLES et al.

Serial No.: 10/083,149 : Group Art Unit: 2616

Filed: February 27, 2002 : Examiner: WONG, Warner

For: ARRANGEMENT IN A CHANNEL ADAPTER FOR TRANSMITTING DATA

ACCORDING TO LINK WIDTHS SELECTED BASED ON RECEIVED LINK

MANAGEMENT PACKETS

## **RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed July 25, 2006, Applicant submits the following remarks.

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-10 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,831,916 to Parthasarathy et al.. This rejection is respectfully traversed, as the rejection fails to demonstrate that Parthasarathy et al. discloses <u>each and every element of the claim</u>.

Parthasarathy et al. fails to provide any disclosure or suggestion of the claimed multiplexer circuit, as specified in independent claims 1 and 6. Claims 1 and 6 each specify that the claimed multiplexer is "configured for selectively switching frame data of a prescribed maximum link width to a selected one of a plurality of available link widths", where the

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